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NAVAL AND MARINE OFFICER TRAINING

The Annual two weeks active duty period for senior Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Officers held at the Naval War College in conjunction with the Global Strategy Discussions has proved to be a popular event and has resulted in many requests for additional quotas. These quotas could not be established because of the limited facilities over and above the permanent requirements at the War College and the Naval Base. However, it has been found practicable to meet this demand in part by establishing a different type of course at a different time in the employment schedule.

The new two weeks course is called "Combat Staff Techniques and Operational Planning." Its purpose is "to instruct selected Reserve Officers in the planning process and in naval staff organization and functioning in order to enhance their qualifications for service in modern combatant Naval forces." Thirty USNR Lieutenant Commanders and ten USMCR Majors selected by the District Commandants are expected to attend this course which will be inaugurated on 11 May 1953 (reporting date 10 May).

It is recognized that forty is a very small number of the Reserve Officers who might enjoy and benefit from a two week's tour at the Naval War College. However, it does represent the maximum that can be accommodated at this time with the present facilities and staff. Even with limited facilities the Naval War College is glad to undertake this additional Reserve Officer educational activity in recognition of the great importance of the Reserve program to the service and nation.

It is emphasized that this two weeks course will not be held in conjunction with the Global Strategy Discussions. Information concerning the Global Strategy Discussions will be contained in the February issue of the "Review".